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SUBJ: EMBASSY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STL APARTMENTS

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF KORNIYENKO, WHO HAS BEEN ACCOMPANYING GROMYKO, DCM CALLED ON DEPUTY CHIEF OF USA DIVISION, FEDOSEYEV, AND EXPRESSED AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL CONCERN OVER LACK OF ANY MOVEMENT REGARDING EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL APARTMENTS FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL. DCM POINTED OUT THAT MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED REPEATEDLY WITH UPDK, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND OFFICIALS OF USA DIVISION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITHOUT SUCCESS THUS FAR. THIS INACTION, DCM STRESSED, STANDS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON HAVE PROVIDED TO REQUESTS OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR PLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL SOVIET PERSONNEL WITH KAMA RIVER PURCHASING COMMISSION, AMTORG, ETC. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, SOVIET EMBASSY PERSONNEL CAN EASILY ACQUIRE HOUSING IN EITHER WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK SIMPLY BY CONSULTING WANT AD SECTIONS OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. U.S. EMBASSY HERE IS DEPENDENT UPON UPDK WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN MEETING EMBASSY'S RATHER LONGSTANDING REQUEST. DCM SAID THE AMBASSADOR HOPED THERE WOULD BE MOVEMENT ON THIS REQUEST SOON AND, FAILING THAT, AMBASSADOR INTENDED TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN, WHO HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. FEDOSEYEV SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AGAIN AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH US.

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2. IN ADDITION TO WEIGHING IN ON THIS SUBJECT WITH FIRYUBIN,

EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF DEPARTMENT WOULD
RAISE THIS MATTER AGAIN WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AT
FIRST CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY.
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